UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

ONEBEACON AMERICA INSURANCE COMPANY,

CIVIL ACTION

NO:

Plaintiff,

vs.

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Defendant. MAGISTRATE JUDGE MONTH

AMOUNT \$ 150

PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT FOR APPOINTMENT OF UMPIRE VANVER FORM—

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Company, in the above-entitled action, by and through its undersigned attorneys, Clinton & Muzyka, P.C., and files its Complaint for Appointment of Umpire pursuant to the Federal Arbitration Act (9 U.S.C. §5).

PARTIES

- The defendant, Blue Water Enterprises, Inc., is a domestic corporation with a principle place at 270 Old Ocean Street in Marshfield, Massachusetts.
- The plaintiff, OneBeacon America Insurance Company, is a domestic corporation with a principle place of business at One Beacon Street in Boston, Massachusetts.

FACTS COMMON TO ALL COUNTS

- 3. At all material times herein, the defendant was the owner and operator of the F/V PRIM LADY, a commercial fishing vessel.
- 4. On or about July 3, 2002, the parties entered into a binding and enforceable insurance contract (Policy No: C5JH51317) consisting of Hull and Protection & Indemnity policies. The policy afforded coverage for the F/V PRIM LADY from July 3, 2002 through July 3, 2003.
- 5. The relevant portion of the Hull policy states:
 - "Warranted that in case of any casualty or loss which may result in a claim under this policy the assured shall give this Company prompt notice thereof and reasonable opportunity to be represented on a survey of the damage, each party to name a surveyor, which two surveyors shall proceed to draw specifications as to the extent of the damage and the work required to make the damage good. If the two surveyors agree, such specifications shall be binding on both this Company and the assured, subject nevertheless to policy terms and conditions and the question of whether or not the disaster and resulting loss or damage are covered by this policy. In the event the two surveyors cannot agree, they must select an umpire, and in the event they cannot agree upon an umpire, either party hereto may apply to the United States District Court for the district in which the home port of the vessel named herein is located for the appointment of an umpire, pursuant to the United States Arbitration Act. (emphasis added). A copy of the Hull coverage section is attached hereto as Exhibit "A.

- 6. On or about August 24, 2002, the F/V PRIM LADY was involved in a collision while fishing in Cape Cod Bay and sustained property damage. As a result of the collision, the defendant submitted a claim under the Hull policy.
- 7. After receiving notification of the loss, the plaintiff appointed David Wiggin as its surveyor to evaluate the nature and extent of the damage. The defendant subsequently engaged the services of Kevin Scanlon to evaluate the damage.
- 8. Based upon his surveyor, Mr. Wiggin determined that the vessel sustained approximately \$25,000.00 in damages. Mr. Wiggin, however, recommended that further repairs be performed in order to determine the presence of any hidden or undisclosed damages.
- 9. Based upon his surveyor, Mr. Scanlon concluded that the F/V PRIM LADY was a constructive total loss, as the repair costs would exceed the insured value of \$122,000.00.
- 10. Relying upon the terms of the insurance contract, on October 20, 2003 the plaintiff requested that a joint survey of the vessel be conducted. The purpose of requesting a joint survey was to enable the surveyors to discuss their respective findings. A copy of the

- plaintiff's October 20, 2003 correspondence is attached hereto as Exhibit "B."
- 11. The defendant refused a joint survey and on October
 29, 2003 advised the plaintiff that it selected an
 umpire to determine the nature and extent of damage.

 A copy of the defendant's correspondence is attached
 hereto as Exhibit "C."
- 12. The plaintiff responded to the defendant's October
 29, 2003 correspondence by again requesting a joint
 survey. The plaintiff also advised that the
 defendant cannot unilaterally select an umpire. A
 copy of the plaintiff's response to the defendant's
 October 29, 2003 correspondence is attached hereto as
 Exhibit "D."
- 13. The defendant refused to consent to a joint survey and on February 11, 2004 instituted an action against OneBeacon America Insurance Company in Plymouth Superior Court (Docket No: 04-187) alleging violations of Chapter 93A.
- 14. After the aforementioned action was instituted, the parties entered into settlement negotiations for several months. On June 29, 2004, the defendant rejected the plaintiff's last settlement offer and negotiations terminated.

15. Since settlement negotiations terminated, the plaintiff requested the defendant's position in having the surveyors select a mutually acceptable umpire as required by the insurance contract or, in the alternative, applying to this Court for the appointment of an umpire. The defendant has not responded necessitating the filing of this action.

JURISDICTION

- 16. This Honorable Court has jurisdiction over this controversy pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1333, as it involves a maritime contract of insurance.
- 17. This matter is controlled by the Federal Arbitration

 Act (9 U.S.C. § 1 et seq.) as set forth in the

 controlling insurance contract.

COUNT I (Appointment of Umpire)

- 18. The plaintiff reaffirms and reiterates the allegations contained in Paragraphs Nos. 1 though 16 inclusive and incorporates same as if fully set out herein.
- 19. The insurance contract allows the parties to apply to the United States District Court for the district in which the home port of the vessel is located for the

appointment of an umpire pursuant to the Federal Arbitration Act.

- 20. The insurance contract is a binding and enforceable agreement voluntarily entered into by the parties.
- 21. The F/V PRIM LADY is located within the judicial district of the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts.

WHEREFORE, the plaintiff, OneBeacon America Insurance Company, respectfully requests that this Honorable Court:

- (1) Appoint an umpire to determine the nature and extent of the damages sustained to the F/V PRIM LADY as a result of the August, 24, 2002 collision, and;
- (2) Issue an Order staying the action presently pending in the Plymouth Superior Court (Blue Water Enterprises, Inc v. OneBeacon America Insurance Company, Civil Action No: 04-187) pending the umpire's findings and further Order of this Court.

By its attorneys,

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